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1. In the spring of 1953 there were between 500 and 2,000 Kazakhs¹ 120 miles² northeast of Gartok (N 31-45, E 80-22) in the Kunlun Mountains, awaiting permission from the Government of India (GOI) to enter Kashmir.

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2. It was reported openly in Leh that the GOI wished to send a group of Indians into Tibet to contact these Kazakhs.³

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] 100 tents, and estimated five persons per tent. However, [REDACTED] other caravan people reported up to 400 tents, which would bring the estimated maximum up to 2,000.

[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] placed the number at 2,000.

[REDACTED] Comment. The distance is estimated on the basis of days of travel. [REDACTED] 15 days of travel by camel caravan, averaging 8 miles per day, would bring one from Gartok to the Kazakh camp.

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[REDACTED] Comment. It was not known whether the GOI would permit the Kazakhs to enter Kashmir.

[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] in late 1952 entry had been refused.

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